

# Serve the Church - 9/30 Discussion Questions

1 Peter 4:7-11

## **Review**

### **The Cure for Selfishness is Service**

#### ***Movement #1 - Our Plans***

- Believe in Yourself → Trust in God's Plan (v. 7)

#### ***Movement #2 - Our Practices***

- Follow your Heart → Play your Part in God's Church (v. 8-10)

#### ***Movement #3 - Our Purpose***

- It's All About Your → Give Everything for the Glory of God (v. 11)

### **The Cure for Selfishness is Jesus - the Servant**

## **Connect**

1. What is the most menial, disgusting work you've ever done? Why did you do it? How did you feel about it at the time? What did it teach you?
2. How or where have you observed the three cultural messages (believe in yourself, follow your heart, it's all about you!)? How have you noticed yourself being influenced by them?

## **Read 1 Peter 4:7-11**

## **Discuss**

3. In what sense was "the end of all things at hand" (v. 7) when Peter wrote this? In what sense is it true today? What does this tell us about God's plan for history and about God's heart for the world?
4. How does our self-control and sober-mindedness affect our prayers (v. 7)?
5. Why is love so important to Christian living and fellowship (v. 8)? Why is hospitality an important expression of love (v. 9)?
6. What does Peter teach us about spiritual gifts here (v. 10-11)?

## **Apply**

7. How has serving others helped you address your selfishness?
8. How has understanding Jesus' service for you addressed your selfishness?
9. What does it look like for you to glorify God "in everything" (v. 11)?

## **Pray**

10. How can we pray for you this week?